

May 2016

6th District News

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for a map of the district!

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Work Session
Tuesday, May 10
3:00 PM

**Environmental Quality &
Public Works Committee
Meeting**
Tuesday, May 24
1:00 PM

**Council Work Session
Public Hearing
Mayor's Proposed Budget**
Tuesday, May 24
3:00 PM

Council Meeting
Thursday, May 26
6:00 PM

CLICK HERE for a complete
listing of upcoming Council
meetings and events!

Evans EDITORIAL

Greetings Residents of the 6th District!

The Budget Season is upon us and I have been working with my colleagues on the Finance & Social Services Budget Link as we review the Mayor's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2017, as we quickly approach the end of the current fiscal year. The upcoming Public Hearing for the Mayor's Proposed Budget will be held on Tuesday, May 24th at 1 p.m. These and other important meeting dates are listed in the box on the left as well as a link to the City Calendar.

April has been a busy month full of exciting changes and good news – you can read about my recent trip to Ireland representing the City of Lexington and lots of promising news from the Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention in the pages to follow. Exciting new projects and events throughout the 6th District are upcoming, so please continue to follow our newsletter, our regular emails and updates on Facebook. And as always...

Thank you for your support!

-Angela

New Legislative Aide

I am excited to welcome my new Legislative Aide, Deborah Slone, to the 6th District Office. Deborah has previously been serving the Urban County Council as a Council Staff Specialist since the fall of 2014 and is looking forward to using her knowledge to serve the residents of the 6th District.

My previous aide, Jonah Brown, has accepted another exciting opportunity outside of the Government and I wish him and his family all of the best.



Deborah is looking forward to being a committed resource to all of those in the 6th District! If you have any questions or concerns, Deborah can be reached by phone at (859) 258-3210 or by email at dslone@lexingtonky.gov.



Liberty Road Widening Project Success!

The Liberty Road Widening Project is a cause, like many of you, I am very passionate about. During the General Assembly budget session I have worked hard to get funding for this project included in the 2016-2018 Biennial Construction Program Budget. I am thrilled to announce that the project received funds to begin the design for this much needed expansion.

Thank you to all of you who contacted our state legislators to let them know how important this expansion is to you. If you haven't yet, please send a note to...

Representative Ruth Ann Palumbo

(502) 564-8100 Ext. 600

ruthann.palumbo@lrc.ky.gov

Senator Ralph Alvarado

(502) 564-8100 Ext. 681



OUT & ABOUT in the 6th District

Reforest the Bluegrass

Thank you to everyone who came out on April 9th, on a VERY cold Saturday to Reforest the Bluegrass in the 6th District!

The future residents on Anniston Drive thank you for helping to reduce the noise pollution from the interstate and all the other benefits these trees will bring!



"Taking an active and involved role in your neighborhood is the key to creating a better community for us all."

-CM Evans

2016 Eastland Neighborhood Cleanup



Todd's Road Widening Updates



The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways, continues work on their on KY 1927/Todds Road Widening Project. Follow [Councilmember Evans](#) and [KYTC- District 7](#) on Facebook for timely updates on lane closures and other important notifications. As of last week, the new traffic signal at the intersection at Hays Boulevard and Todds Road has been activated. State roads crews are continuing work in this area.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Samuel Tyler Williams who was killed in a trench collapse on May 4th, near the entrance of the Andover Forest neighborhood. Williams was a 22 year old, married father of three.

Paving Complete in the 6th District

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Last week City crews completed paving of the last streets in the 6th district! Thank you for your patience and curtesy with road crews as they were out doing this important maintenance.

The next paving cycle will begin in Fall and Councilmember Evans' office is already at work identifying the District's needs and priorities for the upcoming paving list.

Auto Theft Prevention Tips from Commander Sherrod

The 6th District office has received some concerns from residents about vehicle theft. Councilmember Evans works diligently with officials from the Police Department to ensure that your concerns are heard and that proactive measures are taken.

Commander Sherrod has passed along the following preventive actions all citizens can take to deter auto theft and protect their valuables and identity.

If you see something suspicious, report it immediately to the Division of Police at **258-3600** or **9-1-1** in the event of an emergency.

1. Lock your vehicle at all times.
2. All valuables should be out of sight.
3. Mark valuable items with identifications markings.
4. Always Park in well-lit areas.
5. Do not leave vital information in your car.
6. Invest in a car alarm.



Cub Scout Troop 205

In April, Councilmember Evans met with 6th District Cub Scout Troop 205 to discuss her role as an elected official and the local government.

These Scouts are working hard towards their Building a Better World adventure pin and they had excellent questions about their civic responsibilities. The future is looking bright for these outstanding scouts and their community!



MAY IS **BIKE** MONTH



Celebrate Bike Month by visiting the beautiful **Brighton Rail Trail** in the 6th District!

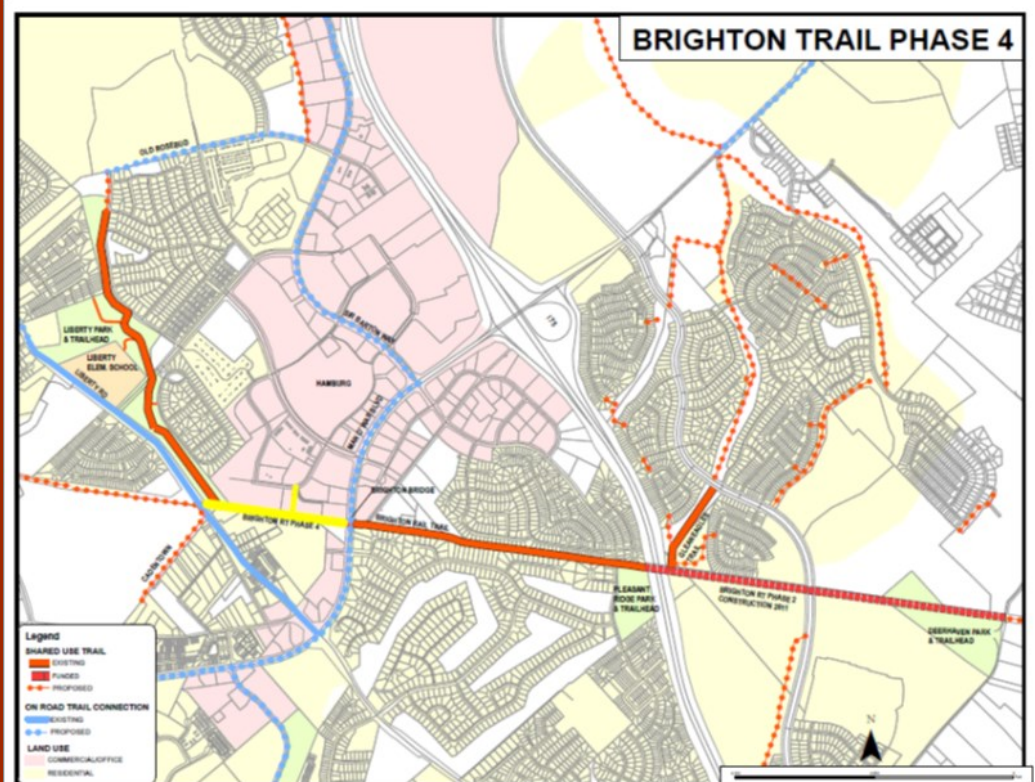
The trail offers a shaded respite for all ages to walk, run, cycle and skate in safety, as the trail is closed to vehicular traffic. The trailhead at Liberty Park has generous space for parking and a large multi-age playground.

Upcoming Project:

The Brighton Rail Trail will undergo an expansion in to connect the existing trail to the Liberty Park Trail. The new portion of the trail will include a bridge over Man O War Blvd for safe crossing.

The map to the left shows the trail expansion area in yellow.

(Project Date: To Be Announced - Stay Tuned!)



Homelessness Declining in Lexington

As a member of the Homelessness Prevention & Intervention Board, I am happy to report that May has been a month full of good news from the Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention. During a Press Conference on May 2nd, Mayor Jim Gray announced that **homeless has declined more than 26% in Lexington since 2014**. Gray stated, "These data show our major investments in homelessness and affordable housing are making an impact. We still have much to do, but Lexington is on the right path to ensure this is a Great American City, where everyone can find access to affordable housing and the necessary supports and opportunities to thrive."



Need more information about homelessness prevention and intervention services?

Homelessness Prevention and Intervention Board

Office of the Mayor

200 E. Main St.

Lexington, KY 40507

Contact: Charlie Lanter

Phone: (859) 258-3100

"Homelessness has declined more than 26% in Lexington since 2014."

Other highlights include there has been a **more than a 50% decrease since 2015 in people meeting the definition of chronic homelessness**. Director Charlie Lanter also noted he believes they have nearly ended veteran homelessness in Lexington and that the number of vets in shelters has declined by almost half.

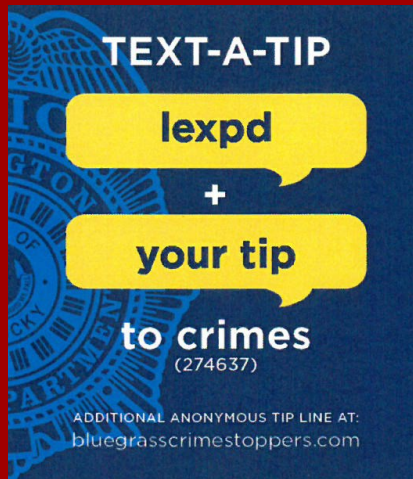
Since 2014, the City allocates \$2 million annually to an Affordable Housing trust Fund and the Office of Homelessness receives \$750,000 to develop innovative and sustainable solutions to homelessness. Since that time, The Office of Homelessness has supported a **Housing First Pilot Project**, creation of a **Mental Health Court**, startup of an **Emergency Family Housing Program**, and initiation of a **Street Outreach Project**, among other interventions.

Also, on May 10th the City learned that Lexington has received a \$333,323 federal grant for **Rapid Rehousing**, rental assistance to help people leave shelters and streets for permanent housing.

In addition, on May 9th, thanks to a public-private partnership between the City of Lexington, the Lexington Housing Authority, the Builders Association of Lexington and the Community Action Council, the community dedicated a home for a family experiencing homelessness. The partners took a dilapidated, uninhabitable house and transformed it into an attractive home, removing blight from the neighborhood while providing an opportunity for a family that is experiencing homeless to live together.



In the Know: City Services



TEXT-A-TIP

The Lexington Police Department has announced Text-A-TIP, a tool for citizens to anonymously submit crime-related information. Anyone with information about a suspect or an incident can text LEXPD in the body of the message followed by the tip and send it to CRIMES (274637).

TEXT-A-TIP can also accept video or picture files with the message. Tipsters who text information that leads to an arrest could potentially receive a reward up to \$1,000.

NEED HELP
NOW? **CALL**



LexCall 311 is the centralized service and information center for the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, making access to your local government easier. We can help you with:

RECYCLING, TRASH & DEBRIS, POTHOLES, STREET SIGNS, TALL GRASS & WEEDS, YARD WASTE, SEWERS, AND MUCH MORE...

Hours of Operation:
Monday – Friday 8am-6pm

TRY OUR FREE 311 APP!

Contact Us:

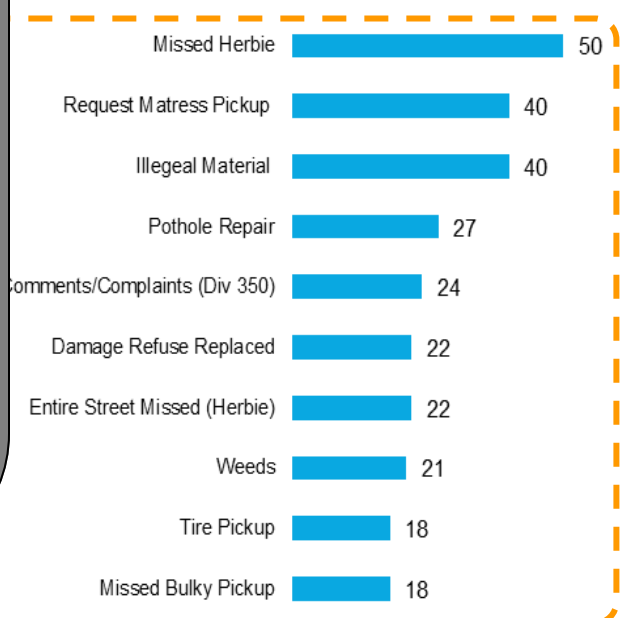
By Phone: 311 or 425-2255

By Fax: (859) 425-2260

[By Email](#)



Top 6th District Lex-Calls for April 2016



Learn about **YOUR** future with
Lexington Fire
 At
"Women in the Fire Service"



Lexington Fire Department

Fire Training Center 1375 Old Frankfort Pike



6:00 PM **June 14th**
 to **July 25th**
8:00 PM **Sept 13th**



Dinner Included



Free Childcare



Call or Text if you can join us: (502) 295-1311

**Fayette County
 Neighborhood
 Council**

Are you interested in having a representative from the Fayette County Neighborhood Council speak at your Neighborhood Association meeting?

Are you interested in additional resources that may be available to Neighborhood Associations? Learn more by calling!

FCNC Help Line (859) 373-0793.

New Sidewalk Request

Lexington residents can now request sidewalks online using the link below.

The new web application will allow citizens to browse sidewalk requests as well as submit requests.

Submissions aid the City is prioritizing areas of high need and creating a ranking system of sidewalk projects. Submissions do not guarantee a sidewalk will be implemented but are an important first step in the process.

[Sidewalk Request Form](#)

Sidewalk Program

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Sidewalk Request System

Submit a Sidewalk Request

I want sidewalks on Next

The City of Lexington is trying to identify all missing sidewalk sections around the city. Please enter a street above to get started on your request. If you want to add your support to existing requests, browse requests here.

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In the Know: City Services continued

FREE MULCH



Mulch Giveaway

Saturday, May 21

Yard waste collected by Lexington's Division of Waste Management during the past several months is now mulch material and will be given away for free to Lexington residents on **Saturday, May 21 at 1631 Old Frankfort Pike.**

Mulch will be available for pickup from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m., or while supplies last. The mulch will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis and is limited to one pickup truck load per person. Residents should not arrive before 8 a.m. There will be a self-load area for those picking up smaller amounts of mulch.

The event entrance will be via Jimmie Campbell Drive. Please look for posted signage that will direct you through the event site.

For more info:

Visit www.livegreenlexington.com

Or call LexCall 311 at (859) 425-2255.

Stormwater Grant Opportunity for Lexington

The Stormwater Incentive Grant Program is gearing up for its seventh year of providing funds for Stormwater projects in Lexington. These grants, funded by the Water Quality Management Fee provide financial assistance for projects that reduce Stormwater runoff, improve water quality and educate citizens about Stormwater in Lexington. Infrastructure Grants are due on July 29, 2016. First-time applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

Infrastructure Grants are for businesses, schools, churches, apartment complexes and other institutions. In the past, these grants have funded a variety of Stormwater projects, including stream restoration, constructed wet-lands, bio-retention, rain gardens, rainwater harvesting and pervious pavement installation.

Construction-only and design and construction projects have a maximum grant award of \$300,000 with 20% cost share of total project cost in cash or in-kind donation. The program has set aside \$50,000 for feasibility-only projects, which also require a 20% cost share of total project cost in cash or in-kind donation. Infrastructure Grants are due on Friday, July 29, 2016.

Grant application packets, contact information, sample scoring sheets and other information is available at www.lexingtonky.gov/incentives.

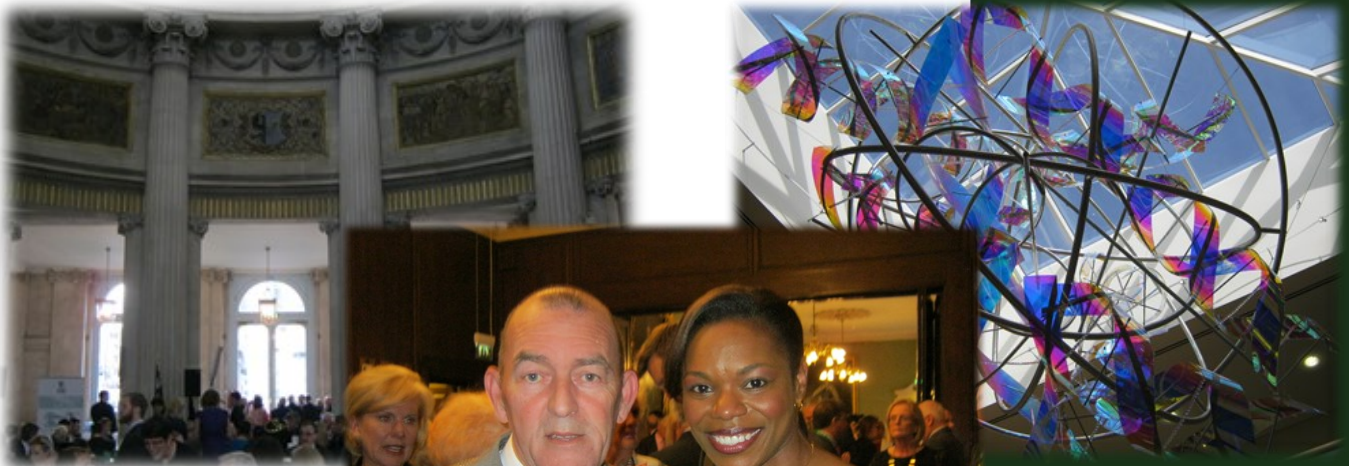
Sister Cities Ireland/USA Mayor's Summit

On April 21-24th I had the privilege to represent Mayor Gray and the city of Lexington at the first **Sister Cities Ireland/USA Mayor's Summit**.

The theme of the Summit was **"Independence & Interdependence: A Dialogue Based on the Strength of City to City Connection"**. Panels throughout the Summit focused on why our global connections are so important and how we can continue to grow and learn from each other in the areas of the arts, economics, civic engagement and education and youth programs.

I look forward to incorporating these ideas into my service here in the Bluegrass!

Learn more about the [Lexington Sister Cities Commission](#) !



Arder Carson, Lord Mayor of Belfast



Linda Gorton, Former Vice Mayor, Lexington, KY



I would love to hear from you and your ideas about what you would like to see in the newsletter! Please feel free to **share with your friends** and have them sign up, as well! It is a great resource for us all to **connect with one another** for the greater good of the 6th District!

Would you like to **advertise your neighborhood association meeting** or upcoming event? Please send me your meeting dates by the 30th of each month to ensure their inclusion in the newsletter. Would you like to **spotlight a neighbor** who has gone above and beyond in service to the community? **Send us your stories!**

Thank you for your time with this resource– I look forward to making sure these updates meet your needs and interests!

Have a wonderful May!

- Angela



Questions? Comments? Ideas for the next 6th District Newsletter?



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